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For : MAINTAINING DATA INTEGRITY FOR  
EXTENDED DROP OUTS ACROSS HIGH-SPEED  
SERIAL LINKS  
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the April 18, 2008 Office Action,  
please amend the above-identified patent application as  
follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.